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SUBJECT: CARLO PASTORINO, NEW ITALIAN MINISTER OF TOURISM

1. THE CHOICE OF SENATOR CARLO PASTORINO TO BE MINISTER OF TOURISM IN PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI'S FOURTH GOVERNMENT MARKS THE RETURN OF A LIGURIAN TO THE CABINET AFTER AN ABSENCE OF SEVERAL YEARS. A SECOND TERM SENATOR, PASTORINO SERVED AS UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN ANDREOTTI'S THIRD GOVERNMENT. A MEMBER OF THE DC'S FANFANI FACTION, PASTORINO ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS IN JANUARY 1978 HIS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT PCI PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT'S PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY. MANY OBSERVERS VIEW THAT STATEMENT AS GAINING HIM THE NECESSARY BACKING FOR HIS ELEVATION TO HEAD A MINISTRY.

2. MINISTER PASTORINO WAS BORN IN GENOA ON FEBRUARY 9, 1925, AND RECEIVED A LAW DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GENOA. BEFORE ENTERING POLITICS, PASTORINO AMASSED A FORTUNE AS STOCKBROKER. FOR MANY YEARS, HE WAS RUMORED TO HAVE HANDLED FUNDS FOR THE DC. PASTORINO BEGUN HIS POLITICAL CAREER AS A FOLLOWER OF FELLOW LIGURIAN, FORMER ITALIAN MINISTER EMILIO TAVIANI. HE REPORTEDLY TOOK HIS DISTANCE FROM TAVIANI AS THE LATTER'S INFLUENCE EBBED AND FOR SEVERAL YEARS

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AVOIDED CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH ANY DC FACTION.
SHORTLY AFTER HIS REELECTION IN 1976, PASTORINO BECAME A MEMBER OF THE FANFANI FACTION.

3. HIS POLITICAL POSTS HAVE INCLUDED:
GENOA DC DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF INFORMATION AND PRESS AFFAIRS (1959)

GENOA CITY COUNCILMAN (1960)
MEMBER OF GENOA COMMUNAL GIUNTA IN CHARGE OF PERSONNEL
AFFAIRS (1961-64)
PRESIDENT, ENTE FIERA INTERNAZIONALE DI GENOA
(MAY 1964-JULY 1968)
MEMBER, GENOA PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL;
DC SPOKESMAN IN SAME COUNCIL (NOV. 1964-NOV. 1969)
DC DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, GENOA (JANUARY 1966)
PRESIDENT, PROVINCIAL GIUNTA OF GENOA (NOVEMBER 1969)
LIGURIAN REGIONAL COUNCILMAN, AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (JUNE 1970)
SENATOR OF THE REPUBLIC - MEMBER OF ECONOMIC
PLANNING, STATE PARTICIPATION INDUSTRIES AND BUDGET
COMMITTEES (MAY 1972)
SENATOR OF THE REPUBLIC FOR A SECOND TIME, AND
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (JUNE 1976)
MINISTER FOR TOURISM (MARCH 1978).

4. THE NEW MINISTER IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER PAOLA OLIVARI,
A MEMBER OF A WEALTHY GENOESE FAMILY IN HER OWN RIGHT.
THE COUPLE HAVE THREE SONS, THE OLDEST 20 YEARS OLD, AND ONE
DAUGHTER AGED 18. THE FAMILY MAINTAINS TWO LUXURIOUS
HOUSES IN GENOA AND PORTOFINO AND A LARGE ESTATE NEAR GAVI
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALESSANDRIA, WHERE MINISTER PASTORINO
PRODUCES FINE, WHITE WINES. SOME OF HIS WINE PRODUCTION
IS EXPORTED TO THE US UNDER HIS OWN BRAND NAME. AS PERSONS
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WITH TASTE AND WITH INCOMES TO MATCH, PASTORINO AND HIS
WIFE DRESS, ENTERTAIN AND TRAVEL WELL. WHILE NEITHER
PASTORINO NOR HIS WIFE SPEAK ENGLISH, THEY USUALLY USE THEIR
OLDEST SON TO INTERPRET FOR THEM IN INFORMAL SOCIAL
GATHERINGS WHEN AMERICANS ARE PRESENT. THEY HAVE MADE OCCASIONAL
VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
(EAST AND WEST).

COMMENT: MY PREDECESSORS AND I HAVE FOUND SENATOR
PASTORINO TO BE WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES.
HE IS NOT AFRAID,
HOWEVER, TO BE "CONSTRUCTIVELY" CRITICAL OF US AT TIMES.
HE IS EFFECTIVELY COOPERATIVE IN OFFICIAL DEALINGS. HE IS
ALSO PROTOCOL CONSCIOUS, ALTHOUGH HE APPEARS TO BE
ALWAYS SELF-ASSURED AND OUTGOING IN MANNER AND SPEECH.
HE IS CERTAINLY VERY AMBITIOUS AND IS OBVIOUSLY EITHER
LUCKY OR SUCCESSFUL AT IT, WITNESS THE FACT THAT HE MOVED
TO THE MINISTERIAL CHAIR ONLY AFTER A VERY BRIEF STINT AS
AN UNDERSECRETARY, QUITE A RARE COUP IN CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC POLITICS.DISCIULLO

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